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Charity registration number: 1206210

Wealden Volunteering CIO

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	P Latimer
Trustees	P Sparks K Thorne P Latimer J Sambrook J Keddie
Charity Registration Number	1206210
Company Registration Number	CE034630
Principal Office	Unit 3 79 High Street Uckfield East Sussex TN22 1AS
Independent Examiner	Manningtons Manningtons 8 High Street Heathfield East Sussex TN21 8LS

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees are pleased to present their report for the year, highlighting a period of significant growth, strengthened partnerships, and continued commitment to supporting volunteering across the community.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	P Sparks
	T Crellin (resigned 1 September 2025)
	G Dennis (appointed 1 April 2025 and resigned 3 September 2025)
	A Coad (resigned 31 October 2025)
	K Thorne
	P Latimer (appointed 1 April 2025)
	J Sambrook
	J Keddie

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Wealden Volunteering was set up to match individuals and groups with volunteering opportunities in our local community. We work to raise awareness of the benefits of volunteering and improve the quantity, quality and diversity of volunteering in Wealden. Our mission is to inspire and empower individuals, companies and organisations to make a meaningful impact in their communities through volunteering. We are dedicated to promoting social cohesion, fostering personal growth and addressing pressing societal challenges by connecting volunteers with impactful opportunities. Together, we build a more compassionate and inclusive society for all.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and Performance

This has been a highly successful year for the organisation. Most notably, we achieved a 70% increase in volunteer placements compared with the previous year. This substantial growth reflects both the rising demand for volunteering opportunities and the effectiveness of our outreach, brokerage, and support services. By connecting more individuals with local organisations, we have further strengthened community resilience and capacity across the area.

Events and Community Engagement

These events enabled us to promote volunteering opportunities, build relationships with partners, and reach new audiences.

We were proud to deliver and support a wide range of events during the year, raising awareness of volunteering and strengthening our presence across the community.

- **Volunteer Fair**: The Volunteer Fair brought together a wide range of community organisations and prospective volunteers. The event provided an accessible platform to showcase opportunities and facilitate direct connections.

- **Community Awards**: In partnership with Ashdown Radio, we hosted the Community Awards, celebrating the outstanding contributions of volunteers, community groups, and local champions. This event recognised and highlighted the significant impact of volunteering across the area.
- **Outreach Events**: We actively engaged with the public and local organisations by attending numerous community and business events, including:
  - Heathfield Agricultural Show
  - Crowborough Business Expo
  - Heathfield VE80 celebrations
  - Lions Fun Day in Uckfield
  - Wealden Business Fair
  - Careers fairs at local schools
  - Job fairs across the district
- **Networking Lunches**: We hosted three networking lunches during the year, providing valuable opportunities for local organisations to connect, share best practice, and explore collaboration. These sessions have helped to strengthen the local voluntary sector and foster partnership working.

Collectively, these activities have significantly increased our visibility and engagement, supporting both volunteer recruitment and organisational development.

Funding and Financial Support

During the year, we were successful in securing a range of grants and donations which have been instrumental in supporting our work. We extend our sincere thanks to:

People's Postcode Lottery

Garfield Weston Foundation

Chalk Cliff Trust

Helios Homeopathy

Their generous support has enabled us to expand our services, invest in outreach and events, and respond effectively to the needs of both volunteers and community organisations.

Looking Ahead

Building on the successes of this year, the Trustees remain committed to further increasing volunteer participation, strengthening partnerships, and ensuring that local organisations have access to the people and skills they need. We will continue to seek new funding opportunities, enhance our outreach activities, and develop innovative approaches to support volunteering across the district.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 30 July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

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P Latimer
Chairman and trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

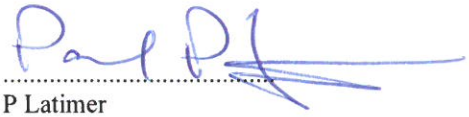
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year and the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charites (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 30 July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



P Latimer
Chairman and trustee

Wealden Volunteering CIO

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wealden Volunteering CIO ('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of Wealden Volunteering CIO, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Wealden Volunteering CIO as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 291 of the 2014 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Mr Alan Staples
Manningtons

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Date: 30 July 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2026 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2026 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	23,824	23,824
Charitable activities	3	43,726	43,726
Investment income	4	12	12
Total income		67,562	67,562
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	(51,140)	(51,140)
Total expenditure		(51,140)	(51,140)
Net income		16,422	16,422
Net movement in funds		16,422	16,422
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		6,607	6,607
Total funds carried forward	11	23,029	23,029

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	2,280	2,280
Charitable activities	3	46,086	46,086
Total income		48,366	48,366
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	(45,284)	(45,284)
Total expenditure		(45,284)	(45,284)
Net income		3,082	3,082
Transfers between funds		3,525	3,525
Net movement in funds		6,607	6,607
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds carried forward	11	6,607	6,607

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2025 is shown in note 11.

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(Registration number: CE034630)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Current assets			
Debtors	7	1,730	-
Cash at bank and in hand	8	30,828	6,858
		32,558	6,858
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(9,529)	(251)
Net assets		23,029	6,607
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		23,029	6,607
Total funds	11	23,029	6,607

The financial statements on pages 6 to 13 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 30/7/26 and signed on their behalf by:

Paul D Latimer

P Latimer
Chairman and trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2014.

Basis of preparation
Wealden Volunteering CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs
Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors
Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	8,000	15,824	23,824
Total for 2026	8,000	15,824	23,824
Total for 2025	-	2,280	2,280

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Subscriptions	3,284	3,284
Sponsorship	650	650
Other Income	1,892	1,892
Contractual income from government or public authorities	12,000	12,000
Grants receivable	24,700	24,700
Total for 2026	42,526	42,526
Total for 2025	46,086	46,086

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	12	12
Total for 2026	12	12

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs		27,249	27,249
Total for 2025		25,971	25,971

6 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from corporation taxation.

7 Debtors

	2026 £
Other debtors	1,730

8 Cash and cash equivalents

	2026 £	2025 £
Cash on hand	121	125
Cash at bank	30,707	6,733
	30,828	6,858

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade creditors	-	250
Other taxation and social security	507	-
Other creditors	122	1
Accruals	8,900	-
	9,529	251

10 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £506.12 (2025 - £502.32).

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	6,607	59,562	(43,140)	23,029
Designated	-	8,000	(8,000)	-
Total funds	6,607	67,562	(51,140)	23,029

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	48,366	(45,284)	3,525	6,607

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Designated Funds - for building repairs

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2026 £
Current assets	32,558	32,558
Current liabilities	(9,529)	(9,529)
Total net assets	23,029	23,029

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £
Current assets	6,858	6,858
Current liabilities	(251)	(251)
Total net assets	6,607	6,607

13 Analysis of net funds

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	At 1 April 2025 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 March 2026 £
Cash at bank and in hand	6,858	23,970	30,828
Net debt	6,858	23,970	30,828

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	23,824	2,280
Charitable activities (analysed below)	43,726	46,086
Investment income (analysed below)	12	-
Total income	67,562	48,366
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(51,140)	(45,284)
Total expenditure	(51,140)	(45,284)
Net income	16,422	3,082
Transfers between funds (analysed below)	-	3,525
Net movement in funds	16,422	6,607
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	6,607	-
Total funds carried forward	23,029	6,607

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Donations and legacies		
Appeals and donations	8,000	-
Appeals and donations	15,824	2,280
	23,824	2,280
Charitable activities		
Subscriptions	3,284	3,238
Sponsorship	650	502
Rental income	1,200	-
Other income	1,892	721
Contractual income from government or public authorities	12,000	19,400
Grants receivable	24,700	22,225
	43,726	46,086
Investment income		
Interest on cash deposits	12	-
	12	-
Charitable activities		
Fundraising costs	(319)	(387)
Purchases	-	(24)
Rent	(6,446)	(5,250)
Rates	-	(908)
Light, heat and power	(1,249)	(2,703)
Insurance	(215)	(740)
Repairs and maintenance	(8,000)	-
Repairs and maintenance	(546)	(487)
Office expenses	(752)	(3,567)
Computer software and maintenance costs	(1,407)	-
Printing, postage and stationery	(745)	(986)
Trade subscriptions	(244)	(255)
Cleaning	(81)	(104)
Motor expenses	-	(7)
Travel and subsistence	(60)	(96)
Advertising	(646)	(1,499)
Accountancy fees	(2,172)	(1,020)
Legal and professional fees	(1,000)	(1,000)
Bank charges	(9)	(280)
Wages and salaries	(23,557)	(25,284)
Staff NIC (Employers)	(2,716)	-

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Staff pensions (Defined contribution) - pension scheme 1	(506)	(503)
Sundry expenses	-	(184)
Legal and professional fees	(470)	-
	(51,140)	(45,284)
Transfers between funds		
Funds - Transfer from another fund	-	3,525